



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

This week has flown by; the sign of lots of great fun things happening. We have had some great trips going on. On Wednesday, Year 1 had a Multi Skills Sports festival at the Amersham School. This was led by some of the students, the sports leaders, at the school who clearly did a great job because the children came back buzzing. They have lots of new skills to practice: catching, throwing, skipping, jumping and so on.


Also, on Wednesday, Year 5 went on a fabulous trip to the BBC Earth Experience (narrated by David Attenborough) at Earls Court. This was a trip which was not only Geography focussed but also links into the Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship. By all accounts it is an absolutely fabulous experience and if you want to know more or take your children you can find more information on their website: [London | BBC Earth Experience](#). We are so lucky to be living on the outskirts of London, and the free travel that children get on the London Underground really helps to make these sorts of trips affordable, especially with the cost of coaches at the moment.

Yesterday, saw another trip with Year 4 travelling to the Ashmolean Museum to become Egyptian detectives. I've heard all about the things they have learned this morning from Egyptian gods to papyrus. But the absolute highlight seems to have been seeing the mummies - and lunchtime. Clearly parents you made the children some really nice lunches.....

Finally, today we welcomed Nancy again, our artist-in-residence, who this time was working with Year 2 on our Faith, Hope and Love project. The children have been making clay butterflies and caterpillars and the results have been amazing.

I look forward to seeing lots of you this evening at the Hollyberry Boogie!!!!

God bless,

M. How 

News From The Parishes

Last weekend was the Solemnity of Christ the King and I know that there were lots of opportunities for our children to be involved across the parishes.

St Columba's

I was at St Columba's on Sunday evening for the Youth Mass where many of our children were involved in the procession, reading, the offertory and the choir. Once again it was a lovely joyful Mass and I know some of the children also had the opportunity to go to the Youth club the evening before.

Children's Liturgy at Our Lady's Church

Since the end of October, the time of our Sunday morning Mass has changed from 9:30 to 9:00. As a result of the change, we have been able to move the Children's Liturgy back to the guild room for the first time since before lockdown. We're delighted to have the extra space to allow us to explore the liturgy in new ways, working together and learning the day's Gospel through craft activities, colouring and singing as well as listening to and discussing the Gospel story. The children return to church for the offertory procession, in which they all participate, offering their drawings and crafts as well as the bread and wine at the altar (their handiwork is returned to them at the end of Mass).

Children are welcome to join us from the age they are able to sit and listen until they have made their First Communion. For younger siblings, we also have an area containing some suitable toys and books for them to use if they need a bit of time out at any point, and Fr Roy is having a speaker installed in the guild room so parents can still follow the Mass.

This Sunday, we will be lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath and starting a very special Advent activity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



St Aidan's Nativity

It's time to invite the children to participate in the nativity Christmas Eve Mass at St Aidan's Church. There will be two rehearsals and one on the day.

Saturday 9th December before Mass for one hour 5.15-6.15 pm

Sunday 17th December before Mass at 10 for one hour and on Christmas Eve at 3.30pm until the mass which is at 5pm.

Costumes and scripts will be provided.

There is a signup sheet at the back of the church.

The children will be singing the Hail Mary with lots of Ave's that they sing at school which is beyond magical and very special when they sing out! I'm also looking for a real baby as a prop- so let me know if there are any hanging around.

Many thanks,

Heather Clancy
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Celebrating Advent At School

Some dates for your diary:

6 th December	Christmas Dinner	Wear a Christmas Jumper Cost £1 per child. Save the Children
8 th December	Feast of Immaculate Conception	Mass 2pm in School Hall
13 th December	Key Stage 2 Advent Service Year 3 and Year 5	7pm Our Lady's Church
14 th December	Key Stage 2 Advent Service Year 4 and Year 6	7pm Our Lady's Church
15 th December	Reception Nativity	9.30 am in School Hall
18 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance	2pm in School Hall
20 th December	Break the Rules Day	Cost £2 per child Details to follow

Telling the Time

One thing that the new GL Assessments have identified for us is that our children aren't as good at telling the time using a traditional clock as they should be. This is something you can really help with. Do you have any clocks in your house? If you don't, I really recommend you get one and then every now and then just read the time with your child. It is one of those things where a little bit and often will really help. Start with o'clock and half past; then move onto quarter past and quarter to and so on. Thank you for all your help.

Netball

Well done to all of the children who have played Netball for the school this week. We drew 2-2 with Chesham Bois on Monday and then 2-2 with Ivingswood on Thursday. However, the most impressive thing is that we have had 18 different children playing for the school this week. It looks like we have a great chance in the Chiltern League.

December 2023

This year, the season of Advent falls wholly in the month of December. It's a time of busyness at home and at school with plenty to enjoy; nativity plays and carol services, lights and decorations, plans to visit friends and family... It can sometimes be easy amongst all the fun and excitement to forget what Advent is really about - a time to pause, reflect, and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

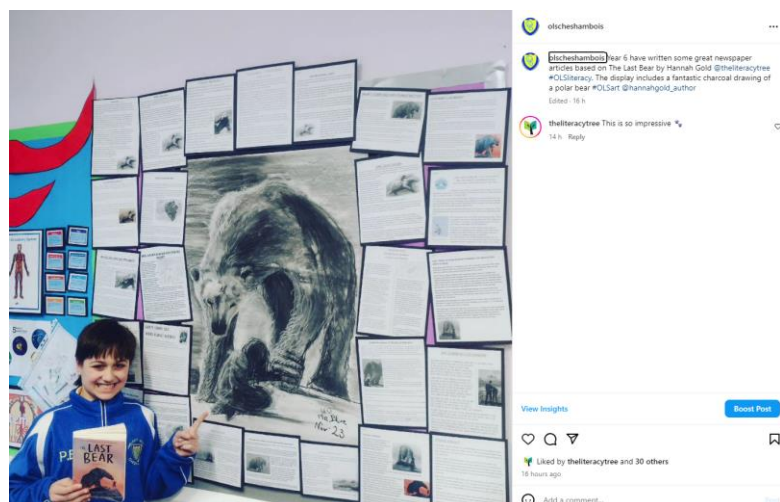
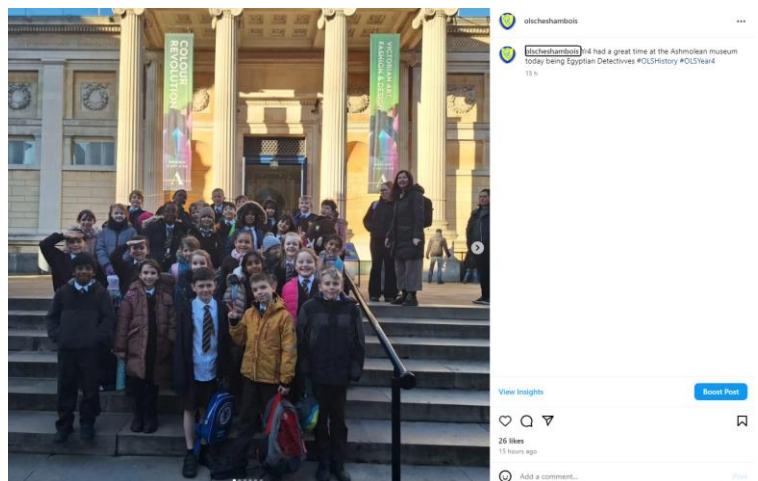
This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time.

Last year we released the Jesse Tree resource which is a bit like an Advent calendar and based on the Advent tradition of spiritual preparation through tracing Jesus' ancestry. This beautiful resource will once again be made available for families to use at home, and we hope that parents will take the opportunity to share children's excitement in discovering the daily stories about Jesus' family tree. You can access The Jesse Tree through the Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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On the Feast of St. Andrew #OL6BuildingTheKingdom #OL6year6
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otcheshambois Year 4 RE. We are learning all about Judaism this week #OL4RE #OL4BuildingTheKingdom #OL4year4
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olscheshambols Year 5 trip to BBC earth experience narrated by David Attenborough - We have had an amazing day! #OLStewardship #OLSBuildingTheKingdom #OLSGeography 1 d

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Taste testing in Year 1 #OLScience

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2 draw vs Chesham Bois this evening 🏆 #OLSport

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olscheshambois Some amazing artwork out of our new project - Faith, Hope and Love #OLSan #OLSBUILDingTheKingdom 6 d

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Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News
Year 1	Ayla, Sofia
Year 2	Elena, Ralph
Year 3	Amelie, Joseph
Year 4	Evie, AJ
Year 5	Adam, Evie

Accelerated Reader

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 3

Logan
Renske
Michael F
Mason
Misha
Hansini
Cat Cat
Xavier
Steve
Maja

Archie
Ralph
Spike
Wanda
Finley H
Charlie K
Michael M
Bea
Robert
Zuzanna

Year 4

Tamsin
Sienna-Rose
Dominik
Andrew
Eleanor
Jacob
Karo
Thomas
Bianca
Olive

Year 6

Bella
Nathan
Sherlyn
Freya
Karamo
Xavier
Ellie
Eliza
Kome
Lena
Jordan
Matylda
Hannah
Franek

Year 5

Mia
Ivor